

MESSAGE OF CHANGED LIVES DELIVERED By OXFORD GROUP

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One had turned in his first honest expense account, he said, after "finding" the group.

"There were little things in our home life," said another, a former teacher at Edinburgh University. "We argued—Mother and I against Dad." He had "faced the facts," he said. He had applied Christ at home. Petty, uncalled-for deceits he had confessed—to a professor, for instance, whom he had made think he knew German.

He had found new power—that God's will applied to every department of life; that his lectures could be "on a supernatural basis"; that even his handwriting changed, "definitely and tangibly."

An Admiral's daughter from Egypt told how she had had an exalted opinion of herself, and had "palmed off borrowed information as her own."

A Scottish girl related that she had been self-conscious, "had lived with her back to the wall, expecting to be hurt, and had found that God hadn't time for petty people."

"Witness for Christ" and "quality of life" were some of the terms used. This way of life they believe is the answer to world problems, they said. One said it is the germ of a new world order.

Being willing to let people know just what kind of person you are is the first step, they said. "It must start with ourselves. By the life we live, we can make other people want the thing we have."

Troubled times and the world's feeling that it must get back to God were mentioned by Bishop Charles E. Woodcock. The visitors "had not perfection, but sincerity; they brought not a new gospel, but a working gospel," he said.

Those who spoke were from five countries. Athletic, studious and jocular young men arose. The British Admiral's daughter, Miss Mary Richmond, a brown-haired, fun-loving girl in a lace evening dress, said she was "beginning to learn Christ, after not knowing Him at all."

A mature woman of social poise, wearing black velvet, told how she had been "in the church but not of the church." She was Mrs. John Bland of Calvary Church, New York.

"I wasn't willing to talk in public about God," she related. "I thought it wasn't done. Now I don't talk about anything else."

Several had had misgivings at first, they said. One had believed "saucy rumors about the group. One had 'found' it by chance, in a hotel ballroom where he had come, thinking a hotel room was safe.

But they had found Christ "infallible," they said. One had sent a postcard saying, "Dear Bill: It works." Another said he wouldn't have missed the last five years. They'd been thrilling."

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What Christ Has Done for Each Related By Speakers At Meeting.

To semicircular row on row—matrons, young girls, business men, churchgoers of all denominations—a crowd that overflowed the Brown Hotel ballroom and listened intently for two hours and a half, the Oxford Group Monday night brought its message of changed lives.

"Sharing" was the word used by the speakers, about eight from a group of seventeen visitors—comely men and women, mostly British, in dinner jackets and evening dress.

What Christ had done in his life was the story each told simply and informally, in first person, rising in his place on the platform. They had found an experience of Christ that met their personal needs, they said. They thought the world was to be saved by living rather than by preach-

ing—"not by the superman preaching a spellbound sermon, but by the ordinary man doing the extraordinary thing."

But it was of plain incidents they told—conquests in their own natures.